



Gillespie Field Development Council



A Joint Powers Agreement Between the City of El Cajon and County of San Diego

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Councilman

Jeff Swiney
Councilman

Cliff Leary
Councilman

MINUTES OF MARCH 20, 2012 DRAFT – SUBJECT TO GFDC APPROVAL MAY 15, 2012

| <u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u> | <u>STAFF PRESENT</u> |
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| Barry Bardack | Peter Drinkwater |
| Bob Davison | Marc Baskel |
| Jeff Swiney | Lee Ann Lardy |
| Cliff Leary | Jennifer Kaylor |
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For others present, sign-in sheet is available in the Administration Building office.

1. ROLL CALL

Chairman Bardack called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Phyllis Trombi was absent.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Swiney made a motion that the minutes of January 17, 2012 be approved. Mr. Leary seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Bardack spoke about the fact that general aviation airports are disappearing across the Country, that new commercial and airline pilot certificates have been declining for many years and there is a worsening critical pilot shortage. He related the importance and need for General Aviation airports and the training of student pilots. He stated that most commercial and airline pilots come from General Aviation and that over the years Gillespie Field has produced thousands of airline pilots and is a transportation base for many local businesses. He reminded everyone that without the pilots that General Aviation airports produce, airliners are just very expensive, large, storage tanks for jet fuel.

Councilman Leary summarized his illustrious aviation career and that he got his start in General Aviation and also stressed the need for young people to become involved in aviation.

5. AIRPORT DIRECTOR UPDATE

Mr. Drinkwater reported that Airports will be receiving approximately \$9.2M in grant money from the FAA during this funding cycle to fund an access road project at Gillespie Field; taxiway work at Palomar Airport; and lighting & signage at Borrego Valley Airport. Applications have also been submitted for additional projects.

6. AIRPORT MANAGER UPDATE

Mr. Baskel gave the Good Neighbor Report: there were 14,173 operations in January and 15,507 operations in February. The total for January was the lowest since December 2003. There were a total of 8 noise complaints in January and February.

Mr. Baskel reported that \$2.5M in grant funding will be used for an access road at Gillespie Field that should be in construction this fall. Mr. Baskel also reported that the AWOS has been out of service. It is being repaired and is expected to be back up and running by next week. Striping project is underway to add aiming point markings on 27R. Gillespie Field will also be getting new approaches late spring.

7. REAL PROPERTY UPDATE

Ms. Lardy gave a Power Point presentation to update the status for the PEIR for the Gillespie Field 70-Acre Redevelopment Project (Cajon Air Center). Taking the PEIR to the County Board of Supervisors for certification has been delayed until Jun 20, 2012 while other options for traffic mitigation are considered. Mr. Leary expressed his opinion that the new extension of Hwy 52 should have substantially reduced traffic. It was explained that was being reviewed as part of the work on options currently taking place.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COUNCIL FOR ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED DURING A FUTURE GILLESPIE FIELD DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETING

Spear Field Sign
Standard Response Letter for Gillespie Field Referrals

9. OLD BUSINESS

A concern was expressed regarding the Spear Field sign, which was placed at the West end of the Airport by Spear Hangar Leaseholder Association. The sign appears to be identifying Gillespie Field as Spear Field. There was some discussion and it was determined that the sign could easily be changed by the Spear Hangar Leaseholder Association to say Spear Hangars.

10. NEW BUSINESS

None

11. STANDARD RESPONSE LETTER FOR GILLESPIE FILED REFERRALS

Mr. Bardack brought up the fact that County Airports staff spend a great amount of time responding to repeated comments/concerns from the public related to Gillespie Field. He brought forward a motion to develop a document comprised of common concerns, questions and answers to be used in answering future complaints/concerns. After much discussion it was decided to refer this matter to Airports staff who will bring back some ideas/solutions at the next GFDC meeting.

12. ADJOURN

Mr. Bardack adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m. The next meeting of the Gillespie Field Development Council will be at 6 p.m., Tuesday, May 15, 2012 in City Council Chambers, 200 Civic Center Way, El Cajon.

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Jennifer Kaylor, Administrative Secretary II